

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10-15, 17-19, 21, and 22, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 1, 5-7, and 16, and add new Claims 23-28, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (currently amended): A communication apparatus comprising:

registration means for registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of a plurality of clients via a first network upon receiving a plurality of requests from the clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

reception means for receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

confirming means for confirming whether each of the clients maintains a valid account;

generating means for generating a plurality of electronic mails directed to the ~~plurality of~~ electronic mail accounts of the clients, ~~wherein~~ each of the ~~plurality of~~ electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception means, and also based on the customized format ~~of an image~~ for each of the clients ~~received~~ registered by said registration means; and

transmission means for transmitting the electronic mails generated by said generating means to the ~~plurality of~~ electronic mail accounts of the clients,

wherein the generating means generates the plurality of electronic mails based on the customized format including, in a first case, ~~customized format includes~~ information regarding ~~whether to divide~~ dividing the received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page, and, in a second case, information regarding grouping ~~or to group~~ all pages of the received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.

2. (previously presented): The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said generating means attaches an image received by said reception means to the electronic mail.

3. and 4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the customized formats ~~of an image~~ includes information on whether ~~or~~ not to attach the image to the electronic mail.

6. (currently amended): The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the customized formats ~~of an image~~ includes information on whether to attach all or a part of said received image.

7. (currently amended): The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the customized formats ~~of an image~~ includes information on an encoding system of said attached image.

8. (previously presented): The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reception means receives the color and/or monochrome image information based on a facsimile procedure.

9. (original): The communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said facsimile procedure is based on the ITU-T T. 37 recommendation.

10. - 15. (canceled).

16. (currently amended): A method of controlling a communication apparatus comprising:

~~a registration step of~~ registering a plurality of electronic mail accounts of a plurality of clients via a first network upon receiving a plurality of requests from the clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

~~a reception step of~~ receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network ~~that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;~~

~~a confirming step of~~ confirming whether each of the clients maintains a valid account;

~~a generation step of~~ generating a plurality of electronic mails directed to the plurality of electronic mail accounts of the clients, wherein each of the plurality of electronic mails has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information ~~received by said reception step~~, and also based on the customized format of ~~an image~~ for each of the clients registered ~~received by said registration step~~; and

~~a transmission step of~~ transmitting the electronic mails ~~generated by said generation step~~ to the plurality of electronic mail accounts of the clients,

wherein the plurality of electronic mails are generated based on the customized format including, in a first case, customized format includes information regarding ~~whether to divide~~ dividing the received facsimile data into several pages to create one file from each page, and, in a second case, information regarding grouping or to group all pages of the received facsimile data into a single file, for attaching to a single electronic mail for at least one of the clients.

17. - 19. (canceled).

20. (previously presented): The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission means transmits the electronic mail generated by said generating means to a plurality of clients based on information registered at said registration means.

21. and 22. (canceled).

23. (new): An image communication apparatus that performs facsimile communications through the Internet, the apparatus comprising:

a registration unit configured to register an E-mail address to be received, an E-mail address of a transfer destination, and transfer content including an indication that transfer of an E-mail body is unnecessary and transfer of an attached file is necessary;

a reception unit configured to receive the E-mail body and the attached file using an Internet facsimile procedure; and

a transfer unit configured to select the E-mail body or the attached file received by the reception unit and transfer the selected E-mail body or the selected attached file to the E-mail address of the transfer destination registered by the registration unit, according to the transfer content registered by the registration unit.

24. (new): The image communication apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the transfer content indicates one of: transmission of only the E-mail body, transmission of only the attached file, and transmission of the E-mail body and the attached file is selectable.

25. (new): A communication terminal apparatus that performs facsimile transmission and reception through a public network and is connected to a plurality of clients through a local area network (LAN), the apparatus comprising:

a reception unit configured to receive images by facsimile communications through the public network;

a registration unit configured to register registration information that includes information indicating how to convert the images received by the reception unit, in correspondence with electronic mail addresses of clients of transmission destinations, and indicating whether to attach files when transmitting electronic mails, and information indicating whether the files include all or a part of the images received by the reception unit;

a judgment unit configured to judge whether a client of a transmission destination has been registered by the registration unit;

an electronic mail creation unit configured to, if the client of the transmission destination is judged to be registered by the registration unit, create an electronic mail based on the registration information, and, if the registration information corresponding to the client indicates that a file is to be attached to the electronic mail, convert an image received by the reception unit into the file, and attach the file to the electronic mail; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit the electronic mail, to which the file has been attached, to the client of the transmission destination.

26. (new): A method of controlling an image communication apparatus that performs facsimile communications through the Internet, the method comprising:

registering an E-mail address to be received, an E-mail address of a transfer destination, and transfer content including an indication that transfer of an E-mail body is unnecessary and transfer of an attached file is necessary;

receiving the E-mail body and the attached file using an Internet facsimile procedure;

selecting the E-mail body or the attached file received; and

transferring the selected E-mail body or the selected attached file to the E-mail address of the transfer destination registered, according to the transfer content registered.

27. (new): The method according to Claim 26, wherein the transfer content indicates one of: transmission of only the E-mail body, transmission of only the attached file, and transmission of the E-mail body and the attached file is selectable.

28. (new): A method of controlling a communication terminal apparatus that performs facsimile transmission and reception through a public network and is connected to a plurality of clients through a local area network (LAN), the method comprising:

receiving images by facsimile communications through the public network;

registering registration information that includes information indicating how to convert the images received by the reception unit, in correspondence with electronic mail addresses of clients of transmission destinations, and indicating whether to attach files when transmitting electronic mails, and information indicating whether the files include all or a part of the images received by the reception unit;

judging whether a client of a transmission destination has been registered by the registration unit;

if the client of the transmission destination is judged to be registered, creating an electronic mail based on the registration information, and, if the registration information corresponding to the client indicates that a file is to be attached to the electronic mail, converting an image received by the reception unit into the file, and attaching the file to the electronic mail; and

transmitting the electronic mail, to which the file has been attached, to the client of the transmission destination.